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Brubaker Goes for the Gold

Odds are there are very, *very* few ***CSN*** readers who were around for the beginnings of Marvel's Golden Age. But *Ed Brubaker & Steve Epting* are going to make it very easy for readers to imagine they were there.

The Marvels Project, which will present the "true origin of the Marvel Universe," takes readers back to 1939 for a look at the beginnings of the Marvel/Timely era. The tale isn't just a retro flashback, though; it will offer a new look at those bygone years, introducing current characters like Wolverine and Nick Fury to the Golden Age

According to Brubaker, ***The Marvels Project*** "is similar to ***Marvels*** in some ways, but it's from a totally different point of view. It's an insider's point of view of the early days of the heroes of the Marvel Universe. I keep saying it's like ***The Right Stuff***, but instead of being about the space race, it's a race to create super-humans. But it's got this espionage feel to it, too.

"It's a wide-spanning character piece, but it's not just about plot," Brubaker said. "There's a huge espionage plot that it's hung on. And like ***The Right Stuff***, it's really about the characters. If you think about it, we really already know the plot. We know the origin of the Human Torch. We know the early days of this world. But we've never seen it re-told in the modern language of comics. We've never gone back and told this whole story. There was ***The Invaders*** and ***Marvels***, but we've never really taken any time and just sort of gone through and told this story in one long epic.

"It basically goes from the Depression era to just after Pearl Harbor. It's sort of doing a modern espionage epic about the early days of the Marvel Universe, showing that time in one big story, which has never been done. ***Marvels*** covered that era in one issue from an outsiders point of view. This is the inside story of the creation of super-humans in the Marvel Universe. Who funded the experiment that created the Human Torch? Why does Namor hate surface-worlders so much? It's not just because his Mom made it with one of them and made him hate them. There's more to the story.

"And I'm writing this like no one's ever heard these stories before. But I'm putting little Easter eggs in there for all the long-time fans. It's really fun to have all those pieces and just move them into this giant espionage story that also delves into who these heroes were and why they became heroes, and it's not even clear that they were heroes."

Brubaker said that the inspiration for the project came from editor *Tom Brevoort*, who suggested that Brubaker write "a 70th anniversary project that was a little bit like ***Ultimate Origins***, where you go back and you look at the early days of that world, but this time about the Marvel Universe. And they realized they'd done origin stories of all these characters here and there and we'd printed the Golden Age stories themselves, but the Golden Age of the Marvel Universe has never – other than the Invaders – they've never really delved into that era very much. So I just started thinking about what would be the story to tell. And yeah, that's where the espionage idea came from...

"I started thinking about that era, and how Namor just came out of the ocean and began destroying things, and some guy in Brooklyn invented a robot man who was on fire, and Nazi scientists were defecting to America to work on super-soldier serums, and the Nazis were trying to create super soldiers and sending spies over here. That's really what was going on in the Marvel Universe.

"I just looked back at the canon of what's already been established about what was going on, and I just thought, that's a great story to tell. That's a story that hasn't actually been told in any detail, and yet at the same time, it's a story that we all know well. So there are bits and pieces you can show that have never been shown, and you can approach it from different angles, but ultimately, the coolest thing about it is seeing the story *behind* the story we know.

"Again, like ***The Right Stuff***, we all know we got to the moon. You know? It's the *journey* that made the story. How did this really go down? What's the secret behind this story?

"One of the titles I suggested was ***Secret Cold War*** [laughs], or ***Cold Secret War***," Brubaker said with a laugh. "But that would never have stuck. We ended up calling it ***The Marvels Project*** because it's like The Manhattan Project. But instead of working on atomic bombs, they were working on atomic *people*."

The Marvels Project is illustrated by *Steve Epting*, who has worked with Brubaker on a top-selling ***Captain America*** run. " This is what we're doing instead of him working on ***Cap*** for a while... Steve has been struggling with the monthly deadline on Cap anyway, for the last few years, so it seemed like it would recharge his batteries to do a special project like this. Every time we have flashbacks to the World War II era or the Depression era in ***Captain America***, that's always Steve's favorite stuff... The minute this came along, I knew it would be great to give it to Steve. This is the guy who did the death of Captain America and this long acclaimed run on Cap."

While the series is set in the Golden Age, Brubaker said that its ramifications will echo into the modern era. " In the same way the ***Wolverine: Origins*** story impacted his modern day stories, this will have some impact. It's really about the early characters, but there is a plot thread from the beginning that goes to modern times. There is a modern times epilogue to the story that introduces some interesting things....

"It's also about these early programs—we'll get into the Weapon X program a little bit. And we'll see a little bit of Wolverine during this time period. So we'll get into revealing some secrets about these characters... There are some cool things coming up like that. Even in the first issue, we're showing something that has never been addressed before. And during my research, I was like, 'Oh my God! How could this *not* have been addressed? This is one of the most interesting stories in the history of superhero-dom!' And I was like, well, who could be responsible for that? And I thought, of course it would be Nick Fury. And as I researched Nick Fury, I found out that not only is this ideal for his character, but it fits with what we know. Every time I do research, it turns out all the pieces are exactly where I want them to be already."

Brubaker, writing ***The Marvels Project*** is a dream come true . "One of my favorite books as a kid was ***The Invaders***, and I come from this military background. My family was all military and my uncle was in the CIA, and I grew up around all these war movies and spy movies. So just to be able to take all of that stuff and drop it into the early days of the Marvel Universe where it fits perfectly is a lot of fun.

"And like I said before, this is an evergreen project, and that's part of why I couldn't possibly turn this job down. If anyone ever wants to know how the Marvel Universe started, this is the book—this is the beginning of the Marvel Universe right here. So yeah, I feel lucky that I'm the guy who gets to do it!"

The Marvels Project #1, a $3.99 comic, is scheduled for August 5th release.

by Vaneta Rogers (with Cliff Biggers)

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CSNsider

•Less than a week after *Michael Jackson's* death, Bluewater Press has announced the October-release ***Tribute: Michael Jackson, King of Pop,*** which traces his life from his early Jackson 5 days until his sudden demise. "This is a celebration of his life and what he meant to a legion of fans," publisher *Darren G. Davis* said. "Although the book won't shy away from some of his personal troubles, we try to tell a balanced story that shows Jackson as a musical genius, an unparalleled superstar, and a complex person."

•*John Cassaday* is producing a previously-unannounced 1-for-25 variant cover for ***Captain America Reborn #2;*** look for it in early August.

•*J. Michael Straczynski* has confirmed that he is leaving ***Thor*** after September's ***Thor: Defining Moments Giant-Size #1,*** a 64-page special. Don't think that means the end to his comics work, though: his DC work begins in August with four ***Red Circle*** specials, followed by his September debut on ***The Brave & the Bold.***

Back to Press

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•***New Avengers #54*** (MAY098089 in stores July 30th)
•***Thor #602*** (MAY098090, in stores July 30th)
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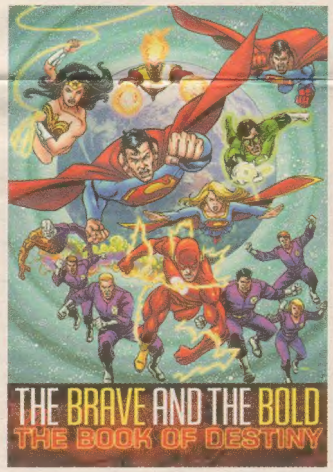

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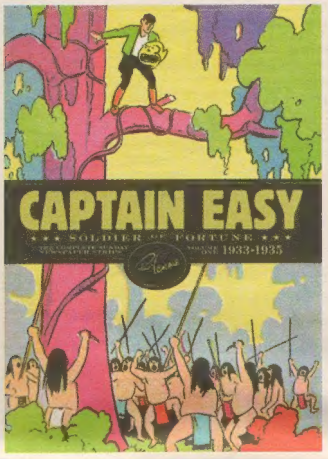

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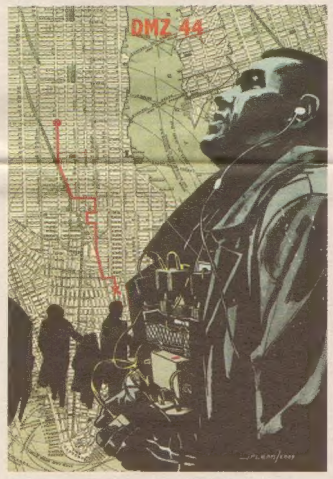

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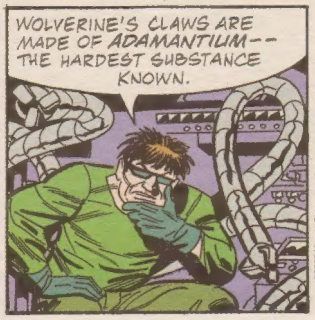
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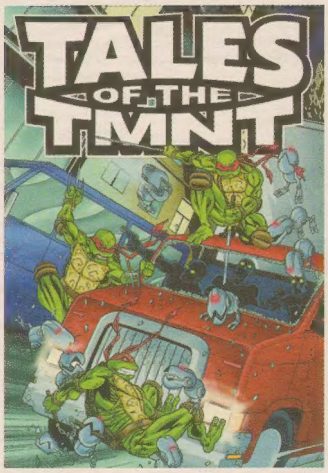

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